

FIREFIGHTER TRAINEE

*Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are **not** intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

DEFINITION

Learn to extinguish fires, perform rescue operations and maintain fire station facilities and equipment.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the entry level class in the Firefighter series. This class is distinguished from the Firefighter in that entry level positions have not achieved successful completion of the city of Las Vegas Fire Training Academy.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Receives immediate supervision from higher level supervisory staff and training instructors.

ESSENTIAL AND MARGINAL FUNCTION STATEMENTS--*Essential and other important responsibilities and duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:*

Essential Functions:

1. Participate in Fire Academy training program and in on-the-job training activities; drill with engine company members; attend special instruction sessions in firefighting, rescue and emergency medical procedures and techniques.
2. Learn the proper procedures for responding to fire alarms, including laying lines of hose, directing streams of water, carrying and setting up ladders and other equipment, including motorized equipment, ventilating buildings, performing rescue work and cleaning up after fires to limit water damage.
3. Learn the proper procedures and techniques for rendering first aid and emergency medical assistance.
4. Learn to clean and service firefighting apparatus and equipment, including motorized equipment; test, wash and hang hose; learn to repair hose couplings and other equipment.
5. Learn to perform the routine duties involved in regular floor watch detail.
6. Learn and follow all applicable safety procedures.

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Essential Functions:

7. Meet the criteria established by the department for acceptable performance at each step or level of training in order to progress to the next level.
8. May be required to drive city vehicles to pick up supplies and equipment or to drive to and from training exercises.

Marginal Functions:

1. Perform related duties and responsibilities as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Basic mathematical principles.
Basic mechanical principles.
Spatial relationships.

Ability to:

Learn to understand and act in accordance with departmental policies, rules and instructions in the field of firefighting.
Work under strict discipline and follow orders.
Demonstrate mechanical aptitude as required in the operation of fire fighting equipment.
Demonstrate physical aptitude as required by essential functions.
Read, understand and retain the information in technical materials, rules, regulations and procedures related to firefighting.
Read street maps and navigate streets.
Learn to operate and perform basic service and troubleshooting on small motors.
Learn to operate all fire fighting equipment, both manually operated and motorized.
Learn to analyze emergency situations and quickly determine effective courses of action.
Learn the layout of the city's water main system and street numbering system.
Learn to read and interpret geographic information systems maps.
Learn to identify various hazardous materials.
Learn and follow all applicable safety procedures.
Retain presence of mind in emergency situations.
Observe the details of a situation and act accordingly.
Think and act quickly and effectively in emergencies.
Understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately.
Operate and maintain voice radio equipment.
Work in adverse physical locations and conditions.
Perform heavy lifting and physical maneuvering.
Communicate clearly, concisely and effectively, both orally and in writing.
Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
Maintain physical condition to perform essential duties as specified by firefighter certification.

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Ability to:

Maintain physical condition appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:

- *Performing life threatening firefighting activities in an emergency situation;*
- *Running, walking, crouching or crawling during emergency operations;*
- *Moving equipment and injured or deceased persons;*
- *Climbing stairs/ladders;*
- *Performing life-saving and rescue procedures;*
- *Walking, standing or sitting for extended periods of time; and*
- *Operating assigned equipment and vehicles.*

Effectively deal with personal danger which may include exposure to:

- *Fire encompassed surroundings;*
- *Dangerous persons;*
- *Dangerous animals;*
- *Hazards of emergency driving;*
- *Hazards associated with traffic control and working in and near traffic; and*
- *Natural and man-made disasters.*

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

- *Making observations;*
- *Communicating with others;*
- *Reading and writing; and*
- *Operating assigned equipment and vehicles.*

Maintain mental capacity which allows the capability of:

- *Exercising sound judgment and rational thinking under dangerous circumstances;*
- *Evaluating various options and alternatives and choose an appropriate and reasonable course of action; and*
- *Demonstrating intellectual capabilities during training and testing processes.*

Experience and Training Requirements

Experience:

Some firefighting experience is desirable.

Training:

Equivalent to graduation from high school. College level course work in fire science, fire administration or a related field is desirable.

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License, Certificate and Special Requirements

Possession of an appropriate, valid driver's license on the date of application, and maintenance thereafter.

Must be 18 years of age on the date of application.

Possession of a current Emergency Medical Technician-Basic certificate on the date of conditional job offer and on the date of hire.

If the EMT-B will expire on or around these dates, written confirmation from the certifying agency is acceptable. The letter must include the date the EMT-B certificate will be renewed, and must be followed by submission of the renewed EMT-B at the earliest opportunity.

Please note: The Clark County Health District will not issue an EMT-Basic certification to anyone under 18 years of age.

Must meet current physical condition requirements on the date of appointment.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Environmental Conditions:

Work in an emergency firefighting environment; work in medical emergency situations, including vehicle accidents, swift water rescues, mountain rescues and other types of medical and rescue emergencies; work in intense life-threatening conditions; exposure to fire, smoke, bodily fluids, swift water, heights and noise.

Physical Conditions:

Essential and marginal functions may require maintaining physical condition necessary for running, walking, crawling, climbing, stooping and heavy lifting while wearing heavy protective equipment; work in inclement weather conditions for prolonged periods of time.

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